



Council For Human Services Meeting

Town of Nantucket

131 Pleasant Street

Nantucket, MA, 02554

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Council for Human Services Members: Veronica Bolcik (Chair), Sue Mynttinen (Vice-Chair) Suzanne Keating, Tara Restieri, Kelly Steffen, Claudia Valle, Amanda Wright, Sarah Wright

Health and Human Services Staff: Jerico Mele (Human Services Director), Alexandria Richards (Office Manager)

~MINUTES~

Thursday, June 26th, 2025

131 Pleasant St, Trailer

This meeting was held with remote participation using ZOOM

Attendance: Veronica Bolcik, Sue Mynttinen, Amanda Wright, Tara Restieri, Sarah Wright

Staff: Alexandria Richards

- I. Establish Quorum
Quorum was established at 12:12 pm.
- II. Acceptance of Agenda
Amanda motioned to accept the agenda, and it was seconded by Tara and accepted by all members in attendance.
- III. Approval of Minutes from 5/22/2025
Sarah made a motion to approve the minutes it was seconded by Sue and accepted by all members in attendance.
- IV. Public Comment
No comment.
- V. Announcement of Human Service and Substance Misuse Grant Award Ceremony Sept. 12, 2025

Veronica confirmed the date and time for the ceremony which will be held September 12 from 10 am to 12 noon. The Grant recipients will be invited to give a short speech/overview of the programs that are being funded.

This ceremony will be an official meeting and must be recorded. RSVPs will be sent out by Lexi to all recipients as well as CHS AND CRC Members.

VI. Opiate Grant Progress

Veronica confirmed that all rubrics have been returned, and the Contract Review Committee will be meeting tomorrow for deliberations.

VII. Status of the Needs Assessment

Tara gave updates on the needs assessment process and interviews conducted for the top 4 bids. The selection process is still on going and updates will be given as soon as possible.

VIII. Status of Human Services and Substance Misuse Grant Funding FY 27

Veronica gave updates on past discussions around requesting and guaranteeing level funding for the Grants as the funding amount has been the same for the past 5 years.

The letter with funding request is expected to be completed by the end of July.

Tara suggested highlighting data from our grant recipients about impacts on the community if their programs were not funded by the Grant and Amanda proposed asking the question “what other funding were they expecting but will no longer be receiving” to measure the impact of loss funding from state or federal funding.

IX. Continued Discussion of CHS and CRC structure

Veronica confirmed that any structural changes would require approval at Annual Town meeting which is likely not until next spring.

In the meantime the group will focus on greater collaboration and support to boost efficiency.

X. Human Services Director Report

No report as Director was out at training conference.

- XI. Community Human Services Related items submitted by CHS members for update and discussion

Sarah gave updates that the hospital is unable to pay for non-emergency medical transportation, however they are willing to assist with letters to provide to ferries.

- XII. New Business

Veronica mentioned that chair and co-chair elections are coming up in July aswell as electing two representatives to CRC.

- XIII. Next meeting date

Amanda left the meeting at 1:06 pm so the quorum was lost, and the meeting will have to be closed at the next meeting in July.

The next meeting will be on July 24th 4-5 pm.